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19 August 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Dominican Republic: Can Balaguer Bell the Cat?
(ONE Staff Memorandum, 19 August 1966)

1. I think you will find the attached memo worth scanning. It is consistent with a longer piece put out last week by OCI.

2. The essence of our message is that Balaguer is in somewhat of a bind. He feels the need to bring his military more under control; he would like to do this before the departure of the IAPF, now scheduled for late September; but to do it so quickly risks a violent reaction by the military.

3. He could ask the IAPF to stay longer; this too would have some political cost, but probably deserves a harder look than it seems to be getting.

ABBOT SMITH
Acting Director

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DATE: 16 August 1966

TO : The Honorable William Bundy

FROM : Abbot Smith
Acting Director, National Estimates

SUBJECT: Attached Memorandum

The attached Memorandum, produced in this Office, may be of interest to you, and the Director asks that I send you a copy.

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